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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend this application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) Use according to claim 1, wherein the modified polysaccharide is neutral or anionic.
4. (Amended) A detergent composition comprising surfactant and modified polysaccharide as defined in claim 1.

7. (Amended) Use of a polysaccharide gum having  $\beta_{1,4}$  linkages, to confer a benefit to a textile fabric during laundering thereof, wherein the polysaccharide is an unmodified version of a polysaccharide as defined in claim 3.

8. (Amended) A detergent composition, comprising surfactant and a polysaccharide as defined in claim 5.

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3. (Amended) Use according to ~~either preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the modified polysaccharide is neutral or anionic.
4. (Amended) A detergent composition comprising surfactant and modified polysaccharide as defined in ~~any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1.
7. (Amended) ~~Use according to claim 6~~ Use of a polysaccharide gum having  $\beta_{1-4}$  linkages, to confer a benefit to a textile fabric during laundering thereof, wherein the polysaccharide is an unmodified version of a polysaccharide as defined in ~~claim 2 or claim 3~~.
8. (Amended) A detergent composition, comprising surfactant and a polysaccharide as defined in ~~claim 5 or claim 6~~.